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EVERY
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**HULK
FACES GROOT
AND THE FOREST
OF LIVING
TREES!**



OUR HERO IS TURNED INTO A LIVING STATUE!

THE INCREDIBLE HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!



YOU ARE FINISHED,
HULK!
ONCE SOMETHING
LIKE A HULK NOW
NO MORE THAN A
LIVING STATUE!

...ONE THAT WILL STAND
UNTIL THE END OF TIME!



IF HULK WILL NOT BE CAUGHT
THEN HE MUST BE SMASHED...

--TO
A
HULK!



LOOKS LIKE TIME ENDED SOONER THAN YOU'D
EXPECTED TABOO...

YOU LIE
MUD-FACE!
NOTHING CAN
MAKE THIS HULK
NOTHING!!



DO NOT LAUGH
AT HULK, MUD-
FACE!

IF HULK CANNOT SMASH MUD-
FACE WITH FISTS OR WATER,
THEN HULK WILL FIND SOME
THING ELSE...

--BECAUSE
MUD-FACE HAS
MADE HULK
MAD--

--AND
HULK
WILL NOT
GIVE UP
UNTIL
MUD-
FACE IS
SMASHED
FOR
GOOD!



MUD-FACE DOES NOT
UNDERSTAND--!

HULK CANNOT
SMASH MUD-FACE
YET MUD-FACE CAN
SMASH HULK QUICK!

BUT IF MUD-FACE
THINKS THAT WILL MAKE
HULK GIVE UP--

--MUD-FACE
IS WRONG--



HULK WILL
NEVER
GIVE UP!

IF HULK CANNOT SMASH
MUD-FACE WITH FISTS--

--HULK WILL SMASH
HIM WITH WATER!

WHICH WILL SMASH
ME AS MUCH AS YOUR
FISTS, EMERALD
IDOT--WHICH IS
NOT AT ALL!

HA HA HA HA HA HA



BY THE GREAT EARTH
SPIRIT--

YOU BLEW--
IT'S OPENED A
NEW IN THE
EARTH--
CREATED A
WATER POOL--

YOU CALLED IT
TABOO--BUT...



IN SECONDS THE RIVER HAS BECOME A RAGING
TORNADO--ROLLING SMELLING ANYTHING IT CAN
SWAB DOWN TO CRASHING DEEPER BELOW THE FOREST FLOOR.

THE SECTION--
THE SWABING ME
INTO THIS MOLE!

I CAN'T
HOLD ON!!

HULK THOUGHT
WATER COULDN'T
SMASH MUD-FACE!

MUD-FACE SHOULD
DO HIS BEST INTO
HULK IS DOING--

--THEN THE PULL OF
THE WATER CURRENT IS
NOT HARD TO SMASH.



I--CAN'T!!

I AM A CREATURE OF GOD
--MY BODY HAS NO PARTS
WITH WHICH TO DO BENEATH
THE ODDS!

I CANNOT
ANCHOR MYSELF
TO ANYTHING!

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NEXT WEEK: ENTER GOOM, THE FLYING MENACE!

MERLYN AND THE BLACK KNIGHT FACE MANDRAC'S DEMON OFFSPRING!

THE BLACK KNIGHT

CAPTAIN BRITAIN IS DEAD! KILLED BY A SWORD-STROKE FROM THE WHITE RIDER OF DEATH! NOW THE BLACK KNIGHT MUST RECOVER THE CAPTAIN'S BODY, WHICH HAS BEEN BORNE AWAY BY MANDRAC... LORD OF THE SLAIN!



MANDRAC! MOST FEARED OF THE DREADED NETHERGODS... IMPASSIVE AS HE GOES ABOUT HIS GRIM TASK... TO ENTER THE CAPTAIN'S BODY IN THE REALM OF NETHERWORLD!



BEHOLD... MANDRAC SPEAKS!



ONLY THE DEAD MAY ACCOMPANY MANDRAC!

I SENSE A SHADOW AT MY HEELS... AS IF SOME MORTAL MAN HAD DARED TO FOLLOW IN MY STEPS...

AS THE NETHERGOD SPEAKS, HIS DARK THOUGHTS TAKE SHAPE AS A PAIR OF HUGE CARRION CROWS...



FLY MY CHILDREN... SEEK THOSE WHO FOLLOW...



...AND DESTROY THEM!

AT THAT MOMENT, NOT MANY MILES BEHIND THE BLACK KNIGHT AND HIS ELFIN COMPANIONS WERE FOLLOWING MANDRAC'S TRAIL, UNAWARE OF THE DANGER THAT THREATENED...



WHAT A BARREN LAND THIS OTHER-WORLD IS... SOMEHOW I EXPECTED DIFFERENT...



IT WAS DIFFERENT ONCE... BUT REMEMBER THESE ARE THE LANDS THAT BORDER EARTH-WORLD. THEIR MAGIC HAS LONG SINCE DIED.

NEXT MOMENT... DISASTER STRUCK FROM THE SKY...



AAAAAH!

BEFORE THE TERRIFIED ELF COULD MOVE, SHARP TALONS GRASPED HIM... HUGE WINGS BORE HIM INTO THE AIR!



BUT MOONDOG THE ARCHER WAS EVER READY...



DESPAIR NOT, MY BROTHER...

HELP IS AT HAND!



MOONDOG'S ARROW SPED SWIFT AND TRUE...



THE MIGHTY BIRD WAS FELLED... CRASHING TO THE ROCK-STREWN GROUND IN A FLURRY OF BLACK FEATHERS...



AND AT THE MOMENT OF IMPACT A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE!



I AM WOUNDED! WHO HAS DARED TO STRIKE OUT AT THE CHILDREN OF MANDRAC!

AS IF IN ANSWER, THE OTHER BIRD LET OUT A RAUCOUS CRY...



THEN A SECOND TRANSFORMATION OCCURRED... REVEALING A SECOND MAN, AS MUCH LIKE THE FIRST AS A TWIN BROTHER!



IN THE NAME OF MANDRAC, CEASE THIS RESISTANCE... SUBMIT TO THE WILL OF OUR DARK LORD!

IN THE NAME OF MERLYN... NEVER EXCALIBUR WILL SEAL THY LIPS...

FOREVER!



I THINK NOT... YOUR FEEBLE BLADE HOLDS NO FEAR FOR ME... FOR I AM THE WIELDER OF...





NEXT ISSUE: MANDRAC IN BATTLE WITH MERLYN!

ANT-MAN AND THE WASP FACE A NEW THREAT!

ANT-MAN!

EGGHEAD, THE MOST BRILLIANT ANTAGONIST THE ANT-MAN HAS EVER FACED, RETURNING AGAIN, HIS TWISTED MIND EATEN WITH BITTERNESS AND THE GALLING ACHES FOR VENGEANCE! HIS LIVING MAN HAD EVER DEFEATED THE SINISTER SCIENTIST BEFORE, EXCEPT THE ANT-MAN, AND THAT DEFEAT MUST BE WIPED OUT...

LET US GO BACK FOR A MOMENT AND RECAPTURE THE THRILLS OF THE FIRST TIME THAT EGGHEAD AND ANT-MAN CLASHED! REMEMBER, IT BEGAN WHEN THE EVIL MENTAL MASTER WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER...



YOU ARE BENEATH CONTEMPT! A MAN WITH YOUR GREAT MENTALITY AND SCIENTIFIC GENIUS, ATTEMPTING TO SELL SECRET ATOMIC INFORMATION...

BAH! TO A GENIUS LIKE ME, YOUR RIDICULOUS PATRIOTIC PHRASES ARE LAUGHABLE! I SWER AT YOU ALL!

CONTACTED BY THE UNDERWORLD, EGGHEAD AGREED TO CONCENTRATE HIS GREAT BRAINPOWER ON DESTROYING THE ANT-MAN! WITH COLD, SCIENTIFIC PRECISION HE UNDERTOOK HIS DANGEROUS TASK...



ANT-MAN UNDOUBTEDLY COMMUNICATES WITH THE INSECTS HE USES! I MUST FIND A WAY TO DO THE SAME AND TURN HIS OWN ANTS AGAINST HIM!

FINALLY...

COMPLETED... A MACHINE THAT CAN TRANSLATE WORDS INTO ELECTRONIC IMPULSES WHICH THE ANTS WILL PICK UP THROUGH THEIR ANTENNAE! NOW I WILL INVADE THE ANT-MAN'S OWN DOMAIN!



EGGHEAD QUICKLY PUT HIS SQUEAK TO WORK! HE COMMUNICATED WITH THE ANTS!

OBEY MY INSTRUCTIONS, YOU OF THE ANT KINGDOM, AND I SHALL FREE YOU FROM ANT-MAN'S RULE!



WITH THE HELP OF THE CRIMINALS WHO EMPLOYED HIM, EGGHEAD COMMITTED A COLORFUL ROBBERY TO LURE ANT-MAN TO THE SCENE, AND THEN...



HA, THE BELLOWS SUCKED YOU UP AND DROPPED YOU IN THE BOX LINED WITH FLYPAPER! YOU'RE HELPLESS!

NOT QUITE, EGGHEAD! THESE ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED SPRINGS IN THE BOTTOM OF MY SHOES CAN BREAK THE FLYPAPER'S HOLD!



THEN, AIDED BY HIS ANTS, ANT-MAN USED SOME FLYPAPER OF HIS OWN... A HUGE SHEET THE ANTS DROPPED UPON THE FLEEING CRIMINAL!



DEFEATED, HUNTED, THE ONCE BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, HIS CONFIDENCE SHAKEN, BECAME A BUM IN A BOWERY FLOP-HOUSE!



THE ANTS... ALL HE DOES IS BUTTER ABOUT ANTS! MUST BE SOME KINDA NUT!

THEY WERE TOO SMART FOR ME... THEY DEFEATED ME... THE ANTS DEFEATED ME!

YES, IT ALL HAPPENED MONTHS AGO! BUT LAST NIGHT, IN THAT SAME FLOP-HOUSE...



WE GOT ALL THE OTHERS! WE WERE LUCKY TO GET AWAY TWISTER.

YEAH! I TELL YUM, ANTS WITH THE ANT-MAN LOOSE, AN HONEST CRIMINAL DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE! ESPECIALLY NOW HE'S GOT THE WASP WITH HIM...

WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID? YOU SPOKE OF THE ANT-MAN!



LET GO, YUM KOOK! FORGET WHAT I SAID! HE AN' ARE ANT-BEEN HERE IF THE CORN ASK YOU! GET IT!!

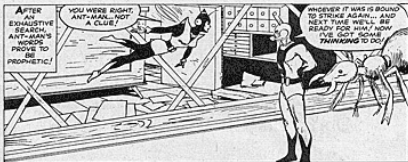


THAT NIGHT, A SLEEPING-GAS GUN TAKES CARE OF THE WATCHMAN IN THE DIAMOND CUTTER'S BUILDING.



I THINK IT SHOULD BE EASIER IF WE JUST GRABBED THE ICE, AND...





IS THE WASP IN TROUBLE? SEE NEXT ISSUE!



ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

PHASE 5 OF MARVEL REVOLUTION IS IMMINENT!

Instant Phase Refresher Course for Newcomers!

PHASE 1 gave you the new-look *Rampage* and *Conan* magazines plus *Marvel's* latest smash—*Starburst*!

PHASE 2 reintroduced the galaxy of *Marvel-ous* adventure heroes such as *Dracula* and *Conan*, plus new stars *Godzilla* and *Skull the Slayer* in *Marvel Comic*. While *Spider-Man's* own weekly became host for almost as many super-heroes as pages!

PHASE 3 gave our greenskinned goliath his own new weekly title, *Hulk Comic*, and introduced such back-up superstars as *The Black Knight*, *Nick Fury*, *Captain Britain*, *Ant-Man*, *Night-Raven* and the *Eternals*.

PHASE 4 was our early Summer blitzkrieg in the shape of four giant 52 page specials—*Frantic*, *TV Heroes*, *Marvel Superheroes* and *Spider-Man Special*.

And now... **PHASE 5!** In which we transform the very-popular *Spider-Man Comic* into Britain's best buy in weeklies. How? Well we've been reading your mail, that's how! You've been clamouring for more pages, more Spidey... more of just about everything. So that's exactly what we're giving you... **MORE!** In fact, eight whole pages more, starting with issue 334 on sale July 25th.

Better yet—the price stays the same—still only 10p!

How's that for value in today's every-increasing costs market?

But hold on, that's not all! Ever since we revamped *Rampage* you've



been really swelling our heads with your praise, to such an extent that we tried an experiment with our *Marvel Superheroes Special*. And, you know something? The experiment worked. So we're doing another *Rampage* switch as our weekly *Marvel Comic* transforms into a giant 52 page edition, continuing the stories of *The Original X-Men* (which will also answer many of your questions), *Ms Marvel* and... a feature length tale of *The Avengers*.

In case you're wondering what's happening to the rest of *Marvel*

Comic's content... well, now you know what we're filling the extra eight pages of the new-new-look *Spider-Man* with!

In fact, the only characters who won't be immediately reappearing in the switcheroo are *Dracula* and *Conan*—(who's got his own monthly book already, anyway!). But despair not, we've a whole new title in the pipeline which will feature *Dracula* and... *Aw*, but let's save that one for another day!

Here's a rundown on who, what, where, when and how...

Following *Spider-Man Comic* 333 featuring *Spidey*, *Thor*, *The Avengers*, *Nova*, *Namor* and *The Fantastic Four* comes *The Spectacular Spider-Man Weekly* 334 (sort of classy huh?). Its content will be all the above characters plus a fantastic *Skull/Thing* team-up, *Godzilla* vs *S.H.I.E.L.D.* and the man without fear *Daredevil*.

Then, August 23 will see the *Avengers* move out of *Spidey Weekly* into a starring role in *Marvel Super-Heroes Monthly* No. 353 (continuing the old *Marvel* numbering, natch). That move should satisfy those (many) of you who keep recalling the long-gone days of the *Avengers Weekly*.

Whew! All this, and we're still in 1979, the year of the *Marvel Revolution*!

Have a cool summer,

Dez Skinn/Editor.

IN A DESPERATE RACE AGAINST TIME FOR SURVIVAL, IT'S...

NICK
FURY

Agent
of

SHIELD



S.T.O.R.M.! LIKE OVERLY-EAGER BIRDS OF PREY, TWO MEN STIR AT THE SOUND OF AN APPROACHING CAR ON A LONELY MOUNTAIN ROAD...



ONE PROBLEM CAN BE MADE TO RESOLVE THE OTHER...

IT'S FURY! FOLLOW MY LEAD... HIS DRUG-INDUCED STATE MAKES HIM DANGEROUS IF APPROACHED WRONG!



BUT WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL...

YES, LISTEN TO YOUR OLD FRIENDS...



YOU RECOGNIZE US... JUST LOOK CLOSE!



WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG... DON'T...



DON'T LISTEN TO HER... WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!



NOT SURE YA LOOK LIKE... LIKE...



DINO! ERIC!



CERTAINLY, COLONEL...



WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU FROM THE GIRL... WATCH OUT FOR THE GIRL!

T-THE GIRL...



YES! THE GIRL... LOOK AT HER! SHE'S AFTER YOU... WANTS TO DESTROY YOU!

YOU CAN SEE THAT, COLONEL! LISTEN TO YOUR FRIENDS!

YOU'VE GOT TO KILL HER BEFORE SHE GETS YOU, FURY... KILL THE GIRL!



AH, COLONEL! I SEE WE REACHED YOU JUST IN TIME.

KEEP BACK! DON'T TRUST ANYONE BACK!

BUT YOU KNOW US, COLONEL... LOOK CLOSELY...

WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU!



GOOD OL' DINO,
ERIC... SAVED MY
SKIN AGAIN!
JUST LIKE BACK
IN THE HOWLERS.
JUST--

B-BUT, WHAT'RE
THEY DOIN' HERE?
THIS IS VORTEX
BEAM PICK-UP
POINT... THEY DON'T
KNOW ABOUT IT!

THE DRUG... KEEP
FORGETTIN' ABOUT
THE DRUG... WHAT
IT DOES TO ME...

THAT THING!
HORRIBLE
SHE-THING...
SCREECHIN'...
SHOUTIN'...
GONNA KILL
ME...

GOT TO
STOP 'ER...
DINO AN'
ERIC
WOULDN'T
LIE!

BUT WHAT IF
THEY AREN'T
DINO AN' ERIC...
CAN'T TELL...
BLASTED DRUG!

THAT THING'S
GETTIN' CLOSER...
EVERY INSTANT
YELLIN' TO TRUST
DINO, TRUST
ERIC!

GOTTA DECIDE
NOW... GOTTA!



AND, SUDDENLY, THE INDOMI-
TABLE SHIELD AGENT SPRINGS
TOWARD THE MEN BEHIND
HIM!

YA CAN'T
TRUST YOUR
INSTINCTS
IF YOU'RE
DRUGGED!

WHAT TH--?
IMPOSSIBLE!
HE COULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
FIGHT THE
INJECTION'S
EFFECT!



NO MATTER
HOW MUCH IT
SEEMS LIKE
YOU'RE
CLOSERIN'
AN OL'
BUDDY...

YA GOTTA
KEEP IT UP,
KEEP GOIN'

FORTUNATELY, THE
CONFLICT WITHIN
LEAVES YOU
WEAKENED FOR THE
COMBAT WITHOUT!

WE WERE WARNED
OF YOUR
INCREDIBLE
WILL POWER...



DON'T TRY
TO RUN
YOUNG
LADY!

COLONEL FURY'S
REMARKABLE
RESISTANCE
GAVE YOU A
REPRIEVE...

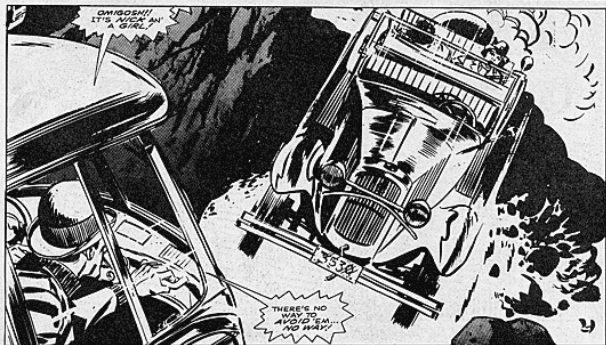
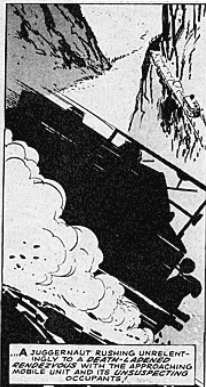


...BUT I PROMISE IT WILL
BE A TANTALIZINGLY SHORT
ONE!

SOMETHING'S
COMING UP
THE ROAD...



5:53 AM! THE BRAKE IS RELEASED AND SISTER ANGELA'S ANTICU AUTO ROLLS FORWARD, GAINING MOMENTUM UNTIL IT BECOMES A HURLING JUGGERNAUT OF DEVASTATION AND DESTRUCTION...





NEXT WEEK - ANOTHER NICK FURY ADVENTURE!

FROM THE PRIME ETERNAL, THE CALL GOES OUT!

THE ETERNALS

THE CITY OF DEVIANTS HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY THE CELESTIAL ESON AND THEIR DEFENCES BREACHED! EVEN NOW, IN OLYMPIA, HOME OF THE ETERNALS, THE PRIME ETERNAL, ZURAS, ATTEMPTS A MENTAL PROBE OF THE CELESTIAL SPACECRAFT... AND RECEIVES A SHOCK THAT BRINGS HIM TO HIS KNEES!

THE BIZARRE REACTION SUDDENLY DIMINISHES IN STRENGTH AND CONTACT IS BROKEN...

I-IT IS DONE, DOWD. I'VE NO FURTHER NEED FOR THE "LINK-UP" BUT, YOU MUST TELL ME, SURE? "YEAH--"



JACK KIRBY

WHAT, INDEED! WHAT HAVE THE DARK AND VAST STRETCHES OF THE UNIVERSE SHAPED AND NURTURED AND GROWN IN THAT UNTHINKABLE TIME BEFORE OUR PLANET WAS FORMED...



GOOD GARGICIOUS!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCEIVE OF A MIND THAT COULD VISIBLY SHAKE THE PRIME ETERNAL! YET, IT IS UP THERE--IN THE CRAFT OF THE SPACE GODS!

HE IS DESIGNATED THE "ONE ABOVE ALL"! MOST LIKELY THE CELESTIAL NAME FOR COMMANDER OF THE FOURTH HOST!



THE MISSION OF THIS HOST IS TO FULFILL WHAT THESE CELESTIALS TERM AS A FIFTY YEAR JUDGMENT, AND WHAT WE ARE WITNESSING NOW IS THE BEGINNING OF THIS WORK!



I TELL YOU, DOWD, THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS MAY NOT BE TO OUR LIKING--

FIFTY YEARS IS BUT A BRIEF MOMENT IN THE LIFE OF AN ETERNAL! IF CATASTROPHE IS IMMINENT, WE MUST ACT WITH ALL DUE HASTE--



--ELSE, WE SHAK AN ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY!

THAT MUST NEVER BE SAID OF ETERNALS! ACTIVATE THE UNIFIER!!

URGED ON BY ZURAS, HIS FAITHFUL ASSISTANT RUSHES OFF TO HIS GRAVE DUTY...



THE UNIFIER HAS BEEN RILENT SINCE THE DAYS OF THE GREAT FLOOD! NOT TO MENTION THAT IT MUST SOUND AGAIN!

GO THEN! OFF TO YOUR TASK!

SOON, AT THE MOST COMPLEX INSTRUMENT EVER PRODUCED ON EARTH...



THE UNIT BEGINS TO HUM WITH RISING FORCE--

THIS, A NEW TIME OF TRIAL ENTERS OUR LIVES!

THROUGHOUT OLYMPIA, THE CALL BREAKS ALL PREOCCUPATION WITH LESSER THOUGHTS...



IT IS THE CALL! IT SOUNDS AFTER CENTURIES OF SILENCE!

GREAT ZURAS HAS NEED OF ALL ETERNALS!

A BAD OMEN, INDEED!

WE COME, ZURAS!

DAYS OF PEARL WE BEFORE US! I CAN SENSE IT!!





THE REJECT LIES SHAKEN AND PULSED BY THIS UNEXPECTED RESISTANCE! HIS INSTINCTS TELL HIM THAT THE FEMALE IS THE CAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED! FROM HIS VERY FIRST GLIMPSE OF HER AMONG THE ASSEMBLAGE OF DEVIANTS, HE HAD SENSED A HIDDEN STRENGTH BEHIND HER COOL SELF-ASSURANCE!



RAGE SEIZES HIM ONCE MORE! HE ATTEMPTS TO RISE BUT ANOTHER BURST OF POWER CUTS HIM SHORT!!



THE REJECT GROWS LIVID WITH ANGER! A SAVAGE SMILE ESCAPES HIS LIPS! HE LEAPS LIKE A TIGER AT THE FEMALE WHO DERIES THE ONSLAUGHT OF THIS UNWETEN VETERAN OF THE ARENA...



THAT STUNNED HIM FOR CERTAIN! HE HAS YET TO LEARN RESPECT FOR THE DAUGHTER OF GREAT ZURAS!

WE DEVIANTS HAVE BRED HIM SINCE CHILDHOOD FOR THE ARENA! HE CANNOT CHANGE!



AND SO YOU WOULD DESTROY HIM! WHAT A CRUEL FATE FOR ONE OF TENDER YEARS AND FAIR VISAGE!





WHAT DOES FATE HAVE IN STORE FOR THE ETERNALS? READ ON IN HULK COMIC NEXT WEEK!

AFTER CAPTAIN MARVEL - A BATTLE WITH ANNIHILUS!

WHAT IF RICK JONES HAD BECOME THE



"RICK JONES LIVES, THANKS TO THE REVITALIZING ENERGIES OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, BUT..."

THE TWO OF US ARE ONE AGAIN, I DON'T SEE IT, SEE?



"HIS ALTER EGO TRAPPED IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE..."

"...THE YOUTH SEEKS EMPLOYMENT AS A SINGER, IN A GREENWICH VILLAGE CAFE -- WHERE SOMEONE ELSE HAS JUST AUDITIONED."

WELL, MR. BOSS?

DO YOU LIKE THE SONG? HE LOVED IT, SISTER.



"LATER, AFTER RICK JONES AND LOU ANN HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED..."

YOU ALWAYS SO MUCH INTO MR. JONES?

SURE -- WHAT EVER THAT MEANS.



"HER UNCLE IS PROFESSOR BENJAMIN SAVANNAH..."

"...WHOSE LABORATORY IS SOON TO BE INVADIED BY THE NUCLEAR MONSTER CALLED MEGATON!"

THERE'S ENERGY HERE -- AN' I WANT IT -- NOW!

OH, MY LORD!



ROCK-HEW GREENIE HAS EVERY MOMENT -- AND WHEN HE REACHED CRITICAL MASS...



THIS TIME WE AGREE, HARRY!



"MOMENTS PRIOR, DURING WHICH RICK HAD SECURED A SECOND PAIR OF NEGA-BANDS."

ROCK, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE -- SLAP YOUR WHISTS TOGETHER... NOW!!

GUESS I COULD WILL MYSELF TO BECOME THE MEGATON.



NIK! CAN'T FORK IT. ANYWAY WHO NEEDS OL' GREENIE WITH CAP MARVEL POIN' HIS THING?!



SO I'M STUCK IN THE NEG ZONE AGAIN -- WHILE MY SUPER-TOUGH OTHER SELF TOSSES MEGATON FAR INTO SPACE.



WHERE HE'S BLOWN' UP LIKE A BIG, BAD A-BOMB.



OHAY, SILVERTON! GUESS YOU WINK ONLY A SLIDE LIKE YOU COULD'VE TAKEN OUT A POWER-HOUSE LIKE MEGATON.

AND GUESS I'D RATHER YOU DO THE FIGHTIN' THAN ME AS THE NUKK.



"AS RICK AND THE KREE WARRIOR CONTINUE THEIR SHARED EXISTENCE..."

THERE, AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT -- IT'S FINISHED.



THANKS TO STARRY LETTING ME CONTINUE USING HIS LAB.



NOW, I CAN ONLY LOCATE RICK --



YES, THIS IS DR. BANNER. WHAT? SLOW DOWN, WAG. YOU SAY THAT RICK AND THIS CAPTAIN MARVEL? ...WHAT'S YOUR ADDRESS, LOU ANN?



I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

"MINUTES LATER, AT THE FANCY BAKTER BUILDING...

NO ONE KNOWS THE ZONE LIKE YOU, DR. RICHARDS, AND ONLY I CAN SAVE RICK FROM THE HULK!



THEN YOU'D BETTER BRIEF ME...

"WHICH BANNER POSE."

...AND SO LOU ANN COULDN'T HANDLE RICK'S GOING INTO THAT DARK DIMENSION ANYMORE.



IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, BUT IF WE WORK TOGETHER...

AND YOU THINK THE BOY WOULD BECOME THE HULK?

YET, EVEN AS BRUCE BANNER MAKES ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE HIS INVENTION TRANSFERRED TO THE BAKTER BUILDING--



--CAPTAIN MARVEL BEGINS TO DROP; HIS BODY POWER-LESS TO COMBAT A DEADLY NERVE GAS CALLED THIRTEEN...

...WHILE RICK IS PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE TRUTH: IF MARY DIES--I'LL BE TRAPPED HERE--FOREVER!



YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT... "FOREVER" STRIPPLING!

THAT RAUNCHY VOICE-- IT'S AMBITIOUS!



HEY, MARY! WHEN YOU GOTTA PULL YOURSELF OUT OF IT, YOU GOTTA GET THOSE WRISTS SLAMMING AND...



WHOEVER YOU ARE CALLING, WHELP, OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT HEAR YOU. OR, PERHAPS HE WISHED YOU TO DIE ALONE!

DID YOU HOPE TO CONTINUALLY ELUDE THE MASTER OF THIS NIGHT-DARK DIMENSION?



OH, MOMMA--!

FOOL! PERHAPS YOU HOPE TO DRIVE ME OFF WITH THE MYSTERIOUS BLAST YOU UNLEASHED THE LAST TIME WE BATTLED.



NOT QUITE, BEETLE-FACE.

IF ONLY I COULD GET MY BRAIN COOKING-- AND WILL MYSELF TO TURN INTO THE HULK!



BUT THIS GUY'S BATTERED ME AROUND SO MUCH, I CAN'T--CAN'T CONCENTRATE.

* WHILE ON EARTH, IN MR. FANTASTIC'S LABORATORY...



...AND SO I'VE HAD THIS GNAWING APPREHENSION THAT THE GAMMA RAY BOMBARDMENT ONLY PROVIDED A TEMPORARY CURE FOR RICK.



MY SUSPICIONS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN I LEARNED WHAT HAPPENED WHEN RICK AND CAPTAIN AMERICA FOUGHT THOSE HYDRA AGENTS.



AND YOU THINK THIS GAMMA-TRON OF YOURS WILL PERMANENTLY CURE THE BOY?

"RICHARDS POWERS THE REPLY..."

...UNAWARE OF BANNER'S REAL INTENTION: TO ACHIEVE A MOST UNCONVENTIONAL CURE FOR RICK...



...LIKE THAT EXPERIENCED BY YOUR EARTH'S BANNER, WHEN "CURED" BY ANOTHER GAMMA-TRON.



WILL OUR YOUNG HERO SURVIVE?



TV HEROES

featuring
MORK & MINDY
DICK TURPIN PLUS
THE INCREDIBLE HULK
On sale June 1
Watch for it!

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